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SUMMARY OF SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Friday, 18 April 1997

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-first session

96th plenary meeting

Fire at a tent city near Mecca

The President of the General Assembly, on behalf of the Assembly, extended his deepest sympathy to the bereaved families of the victims who had perished in a fire at a tent city near Mecca.

Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations (Article 19 of the Charter) (A/51/780/Add.5) [119]

The General Assembly took note that Azerbaijan and Uzbekistan had made the necessary payments to reduce their arrears below the amount specified in Article 19 of the Charter.

Adoption of the agenda of the fifty-first regular session of the General Assembly and organization of work [8]:

(a) Request for the reopening of the consideration of agenda item 18 (a) (Appointment of members of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions): note by the Secretary-General (A/51/101/Add.2)

The General Assembly decided, on the proposal of the Secretary-General, to reopen consideration of sub-item (a) of agenda item 18 (Appointments to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other appointments) and to consider it directly in plenary meeting. The Assembly further agreed to give it immediate consideration.

(b) Request for the reopening of the consideration of agenda item 18 (f) (Appointment of members of the International Civil Service Commission): note by the Secretary-General (A/51/106/Add.1)

The General Assembly decided, on the proposal of the Secretary-General, to reopen consideration of sub-item (f) of the agenda item 18 (Appointment of members of the International Civil Service Commission) and to consider it directly in plenary meeting. The Assembly further agreed to give it immediate consideration.

(c) Request for the reopening of the consideration of agenda item 97 (b) (Special session for the purpose of an overall review and appraisal of the implementation of Agenda 21): note by the President of the General Assembly (A/51/864)

The General Assembly decided, on the proposal of the President of the General Assembly, to reopen consideration of sub-item (b) of agenda item 97 (Special session for the purpose of an overall review and appraisal of the implementation of Agenda 21) and to consider it directly in plenary meeting. The Assembly further agreed to give it immediate consideration.

Appointment of members of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions: note by the Secretary-General (A/51/101/Add.2) [18 (a)]

The General Assembly decided to appoint Mr. Klaus Stein as a member of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions for a term of office beginning on 18 April 1997 and ending on 31 December 1998.

The General Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of sub-item (a) of agenda item 18.

Appointment of members of the International Civil Service Commission: note by the Secretary-General (A/51/106/Add.1) [18 (f)]

The General Assembly decided to appoint Mr. Wolfgang Stöckl as a member of the International Civil Service Commission for a term of office beginning on 18 April 1997 and ending on 31 December 1998.

The General Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of sub-item (f) of agenda item 18.

Special session for the purpose of an overall review and appraisal of the implementation of Agenda 21: draft decision (A/51/L.70)

The General Assembly decided to waive the relevant provision of rule 78 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly.

The representative of the United States submitted oral amendments to draft decision A/51/L.70.

The representative of the Russian Federation submitted an oral amendment to draft decision A/51/L.70.

The representative of the United Republic of Tanzania (on behalf of the Group of 77) made a statement.

The representative of Cuba submitted an oral amendment to one of the oral amendments submitted by the representative of the United States.

The representative of the United States submitted a further oral amendment to one of his oral amendments.

The representative of Ukraine submitted an oral amendment to the oral amendment submitted by the Russian Federation.

Statements were made by the representatives of the United Republic of Tanzania (on behalf of the Group of 77), the Netherlands (on behalf of the European Union) and Japan.

The President made a statement.

The representative of the Russian Federation made a statement.

The General Assembly adopted the oral amendments to draft decision A/51/L.70 submitted by the United States and Cuba.

The representative of the Russian Federation withdrew his oral amendment.

The General Assembly adopted draft decision A/51/L.70 as orally amended.

The President made a statement.

The Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of sub-item (b) of agenda item 97.

Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples: letter from Antigua and Barbuda (A/51/843) [19]

The General Assembly took note of the nomination, by its President, of Antigua and Barbuda as a member of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples.

The Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 19.